

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2003–2005 Project Profile



Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe

The Sisseton-Wahpeton tribe is located primarily in Roberts, Day, and Marshall counties in South Dakota. The tribe has a population of more than 11,787 enrolled members, and about half of them live on the reservation.

Injury Topics addressed by 2003–2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Seatbelt Safety

Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety

Child Passenger Safety

Bike Safety

ATV Safety

Suicide Prevention

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Shannon White

Tenure: 1/1/2005 - present

Training: IHS Levels I-II IP Courses, IHS Grant Writing, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician



Kimberly Keeble

Tenure: 1/1/2004 – 11/1/2004

Training: IHS Level I IP Course



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Coalition • Police Department • Government and Tribal Officials • Local Media • Community Organizations • Indian Health Service

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Over an eight-month period, observed seat belt use increases from 39% to 60% around tribal schools and from 29% to 57% around college.
- Raised awareness of injury prevention issues through eight presentations to community groups and 19 articles in the local newspaper.
- Conducted seatbelt checkpoints with tribal police to issue warnings and citations. Police also provided on-site education about the seat belt law and need for children to be properly restrained.
- Revitalized community coalition for injury prevention.
- Teamed with the Codington County Mothers Against Drunk Driving Chapter to start a Victim Impact Panel.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- 2005–2010 IHS Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement.

Presentations Given to Promote AI/AN Injury Prevention

- Presented at Native American's Lifesaver Conference at United Tribes Technical College.

